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Unified Work Program (UWP) Committee

DRAFT Minutes

March 5, 2015—9:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

DuPage County Conference Room

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Committee Members Present (*Alternate):

Bruce Carmitchel, Chair (IDOT), Dave Seglin (CDOT), Michael Connelly* (CTA), Dolores Dowdle (CMAP), Holly Waters and Jason Osborn* (Metra), Mark Pitstick and Jessica Hector-Hsu* (RTA), Lorraine Snorden (Pace), Tom Rickert (Collar Counties), Bruce Christensen (Lake County), Gene Williams (Council of Mayors), and non-voting members John Donovan (FHWA), and Tony Greep (FTA)

Others Present:

Philip Banea (CDOT), Len Cannata (WCMC), Tom VanDer Woude (SSMMA), Adrienne Wuellner (Pace) and Sherry Kane

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. by the Chair; members were asked to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes-February 11, 2015

The minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 FY 2016 UWP Core and Competitive Proposals

Before opening the discussion related to the Core and Competitive proposals that had been submitted, CMAP Deputy Executive Director Dolores Dowdle reported that because the current federal reauthorization is scheduled to expire on May 29, IDOT has only identified the funding for FY 2016 based on eight months. Further, Dowdle continued, the final state allocations that support some UWP funding will not be determined until the state's FY 2016 budget is approved in May or June. Funding for the FY 2016 program will be assumed at the same level as FY 2015, \$16,757,725.

Dowdle went on to review the overall funding, included in the memo in the committee packet. Funding is recommended to be allocated for all Core programs at last year's levels, Dowdle reported, with 2 exceptions—CMAP's TIP database upgrade (a federal requirement) at \$300,000 and RTA's community Planning Grant Program at \$100,000. Three competitive proposals, based on ranking, would also be included. Those are: CMAP/suballocation to RTA for Local Planning Assistance, CDOT/in cooperation with CTA for the south lakefront and museum campus assessment, and CTA to expand the brown line core capacity. Two of the three would be reduced by \$100,000 each, Dowdle continued, and the third (CDOT) reduced by \$80,000. Clarification was given regarding the RTA request, worded slightly different than last year, to broaden the focus. No objections were made by the Committee.

Tom VanDer Woude-SSMMA, reported that the Council of Mayors request at 3.4% increase was actually an increase to 2014 levels, since the Council's request for 2015 funding was at 2014 levels. If at all possible, the Council would like to receive some if not all of that 3.4%. Chairman Bruce Carmitchel suggested that VanDer Woude had made a good case and were additional dollars available, this was a very good example of the type of programming to be revisited.

A motion was made by Dave Seglin to approve recommendations as were presented. Others weighed in as well with thoughts and justifications regarding potential additional funding availability. Concluding the discussion, Dolores Dowdle reiterated that the funding at last year's level totals \$16,757,725 and that should additional funding become available the committee would reconvene to consider additional allocations. Mark Pitstick seconded the motion, clarifying the RTA proposal keeping the title and scope as submitted. Additional comment was raised regarding CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, not specific to transportation and yet it is transportation planning dollars that are being allocated and staff explained that the LTA projects that are funded through the UWP program are transportation related and that other funding sources (IDNR, IEPA, etc.) are tapped for projects considered non-transportation related. Additional reporting on the matter will be sought from CMAP staff. Finally, the vote was called and with all in favor, the motion carried.

Wrapping up this portion of the meeting, Dolores Dowdle reported that staff will start drafting the contracts, based upon what had been approved, and the actual UWP document will be finalized and presented in June. Dowdle also introduced Dan Olson, new to the UWP program process. Finally, Dowdle asked that revised proposals be submitted, based on the approved revisions, in word doc format so it can be incorporated into the final document.

5.0 FY 2015 Second Quarter Expenditure Reports

The second quarter expenditure report had been distributed at the start of the meeting. Dolores Dowdle reported that 3 projects remain open from FY 2011, funds for which will only be available through June 30, 2015. A request for third quarter reports will be forthcoming, Dowdle also reported.

6.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

7.0 Next Meeting

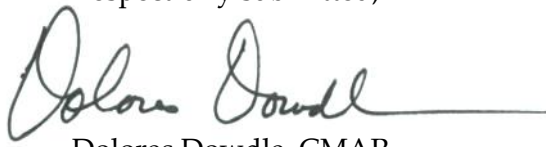
The UWP Committee is scheduled to meet next on June 10, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., unless a meeting in the meantime is warranted.

At the October meeting there will be a discussion about Metra and its survey and how the UWP Committee can help with the project. Metra will be asked to present its plans for automation. A request was also made for a volunteer at the June meeting to make a presentation of a project completed in the UWP program.

8.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 9:38 a.m., by Tom Rickert was seconded by Lorraine Snorden. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dolores Dowdle', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Dolores Dowdle, CMAP

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